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A Very Moral Darwin Day

Over 100 people enjoyed the Darwin Day symposium at UUC, sponsored by Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason (TBCOR), the umbrella organization for the dozen or so regional humanist, atheist, science, secular & freethinker groups.

Amanda Poppei, is leader of the AEU, American Ethical Union (our own Ed Erickson's group). Her talk was on panda bears, and man's attraction to "cute or majestic" animals (Bengal tigers, baby seals, humpback whales, koalas, bald eagles, etc.).

The destruction of the Chinese bamboo habitat is driving Pandas and Bamboo Rats, to extinction, but has produced no push for Bamboo Rat ecology donations. Apply that to cultures, people, environment (UU's 7th principle), for universal & existential empathy. **THOUGHTFUL & INSPIRING!**

Dr. Doug Mann spoke on Darwinian evolution of morality. Social insects (ants, bees) are 2% of insect species, yet 50% by weight of all insects. Coincidence?

Mammals evolved from reptiles with attachment for offspring & kin. Bonobos & chimps live in communities, demonstrate empathy. Humans started in bands, then tribes & states. The gender roles are tied to ancient survival, as tribal & group loyalty enforced codes of conduct.

As the population grew too large for direct monitoring and enforcement, all seeing & punishing religion evolved, including a priestly class and empires led by kings. Modern morality is evolving toward a balance protecting the vulnerable individual from state power. We each have a moral responsibility to advocate for that definition.

Duncan Kovar, Spec. Correspondent



The Suncoast **Humanist Society meeting** has been **postponed** by virtue of the next door baseball stadium sucking up all the library parking spots because their own parking lot is under construction.

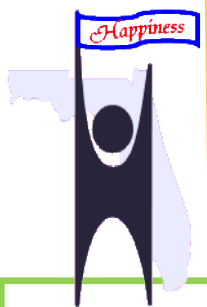
Instead, we will explore the services of the final Exit Network in April. The issue of how to provide for the freedom and dignity of dying people seldom is given the attention it deserves, yet it is part of everyone's life. Join us April 11th to hear Julia and Jim Hanway discuss this.

EXIT STRATEGY: SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE ONE?

No other organization provides information on how to achieve a legal, safe, painless, hastened death. By law, we cannot "assist" you. But if you meet our medical criteria, we will provide a compassionate volunteer to be with you if you choose to end your life. We also provide information on advance directives such as a living will and health care proxy. Be with us now, so we can be with you later. Please join Final Exit Network.

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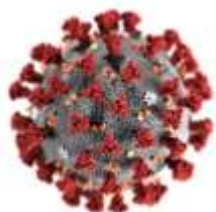
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The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

An Epicurean society dedicated to the proposition that only the fully examined life is worth living.

Associate organization of the the [AHA](#), [COR](#), & [ASHS](#). Find us at www.suncoasthumanist.com



Covid-19

What are some of the steps we can do personally?

- **Stay home when you are sick.** Staying home when ill prevents the spread of infections to others.
- **Use good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene** in all community settings, including homes, childcare facilities, schools, workplaces, and other places where people gather. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and put the used tissue in a waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- **Wash your hands often and thoroughly** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (with at least 60-95% alcohol).
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth:** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Practice other good health

habits: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Please
Join us in:



Notice

March Meeting Canceled

This month's meeting of the Humanist Society has been deferred to Saturday, April 11th. On the advice of the Library staff, it is likely that parking space will be coopted by the baseball stadium next door. A game has been scheduled for our meeting time.

For those who wish to meet, a group will gather at Hao Long Bay Restaurant at 2192 Main St, Dunedin, FL 34698 at 2 PM March 14th for casual conversation and a chance to share good food and each other's company. There are novel philosophical propositions we can discuss, or bring your own.

One of the main goals of the Humanist Society is to help create a community where members can come together and share our thoughts and feelings, ideas and experiences with somewhat like-minded individuals. We are here to learn of the world, and to give and receive in some small measure, the human kindness and compassion we need.



Bring food: the first kindness & the measure of our Hospitality.

Humanists aspire to true friendship with our fellow human beings. Money is more effective than cans and boxes to get the most benefit to the greatest number of people. But we can also use personal care toiletries.

Many thanks to **Jordan Williams**. **We need volunteers!** See jim@suncoasthumanist.com

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Now!**

**Humanist Society of the
Suncoast**

Annual Dues

- Regular -\$25
- Reg. Couple -\$30.
- Supporter -\$35/40 (With pin above)
- Life -\$200. (Pin)
- Life Couple -\$250. (Pin)
- Associate -\$10



Your membership helps keep Humanism alive & growing in the Tampa Bay area. A small part of your dues allows us to participate fully as a member organization of the Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason & enables us to support larger & more exciting programs.

If you have questions concerning your dues or status, contact our new treasurer, Scott Wilson scott33761@yahoo.com

If new, please fill out the form; if renewing just indicate your name & any changes from our previous information. Thanks!

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**Tampa Bay
Harvest**





Humanists work to build a world in which happiness is the enduring criterion of all policy.

What is the Humanist Way?

- ◆ **To extend** a human centered approach to the critical problems of life & society.
- ◆ **To encourage** attitudes of kindness, compassion, tolerance & a loving generosity in human relationships, & in our treatment of all life. These attitudes help us to see ourselves in the lives of others, & encourage appreciation for the remarkable diversity of human culture & experience.
- ◆ **To develop** & popularize the skills of creative & critical thinking that empower people to challenge prejudice, superstition & irrationality in every area of life. Such empowerment enables the individual to reach the highest levels of achievement.
- ◆ **To exalt** those artistic & imaginative expressions of life which have been the source of the greatest pleasure & enlightenment, & which reflect compelling human truths. Through music, literature, art, dance, & other expressions, we embrace the essence of what it means to be human.
- ◆ **To explore** the grounds of ethics & morality within the unfolding history of our evolving culture. Such knowledge will enable us to become effective protagonists for the happiness of the individual person. JP

The Movable Feast

the Humanist Society's monthly social Dinner

Join us Mar. 16th at Applebee's at 5 O'clock for American style cuisine, and decidedly the best company:

Applebees

For [map](#) [Menu](#)

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33764

Kindly **RSVP** to: (727) 581-2146
Great Conversation and good food, reasonably priced.

Wry Eye with a View

A 50- something year old white woman arrived at her seat on a crowded flight and immediately didn't want the seat. The seat was next to a black man. Disgusted, the woman immediately summoned the flight attendant and demanded a new seat. The woman said "I cannot sit here next to this black man." The flight attendant said "Let me see if I can find another seat."

After checking, the flight attendant returned and stated "Ma'am, there are no more seats in economy, but I will check with the captain and see if there is something in first class." About 10 minutes went by and the flight attendant returned and stated "The captain has confirmed that there are no more seats in economy, but there is one in first class. It is our company policy to never move a person from economy to first class, but being that it would be some sort of scandal to force a person to sit next to an UNPLEASANT person, the captain agreed to make the switch to first class."

Before the woman could say anything, the attendant gestured to the black man and said, "Therefore sir, if you would so kindly retrieve your personal items, we would like to move you to the comfort of first class as the captain doesn't want you to sit next to an unpleasant person." Passengers in the seats nearby began to applaud while some gave a standing ovation.

Quantum Theory: *The branch of science with which people who know absolutely nothing about quantum theory can explain anything.*

Dyslexic atheists only have cats as pets because they do not accept the existence of dog.

The real point about humor is not that it makes us human, but that humor is an adaptation that helps us to cope with the pure awfulness of being human. We all understand from a very early age the inevitability of our own personal extinction. Without an ameliorating adaptation like humor we would all spend our entire lives screaming in existentialist terror. We laugh at everything: at each other, at each other's misfortunes, at our leaders. We laugh at disaster and degradation, we laugh at the revolting mysteries central to our existence like sex and piss and shit. When we laugh we release those lovely endorphins that make us feel better. It's like booze and dope, another mood-altering high that makes our lives bearable

Humanist Society

of the **Suncoast**

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Coming on August 6th to the 9th of this year **in Miami**

This year's theme is **Beyond Borders: Our Global Humanist Culture**. Come examine humanist perspectives on human rights, the importance of supporting apostates and ending blasphemy laws, the humanist role in issues of migration and the climate crisis, approaches to death and loss, the role of young humanists, humanist education, our role in mass media and much more.

Humanists from the UK, Nepal, the US, Australia, and every continent (possibly excepting Antarctica) will be represented at this wonderful festival of Humanism.

Celebrate our global humanist culture by attending off-site art events and visiting the humanist art gallery.

After you've **registered for the World Humanist Congress**, don't forget to book your hotel room at the **Hyatt Regency in Downtown Miami**!

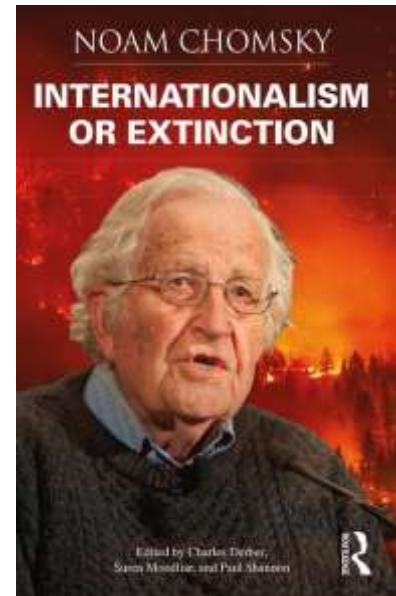
Now here's an idea... **The Library of Things (LoT)**

The Vancouver Tool Library, loans out more than 2,000 items. It is part of a movement of Libraries of Things (LoT), which are taking the classic "reduce, reuse, recycle" mantra to new heights. These social enterprises share with the public everything from backpacks to boomboxes, baby carriers, and beer-brewing equipment. Some even rent ties and suit jackets for job seekers.

Though the sharing economy is often called revolutionary, LoTs tap into ancient traditions. For most of human history, family groups and communities cooperated to hunt, gather food, and pool resources. The big difference now is that companies are not limited by geography. The internet and other technologies facilitate interactions between strangers on an unprecedented scale. The "sharing economy," which includes the full spectrum of on-demand services, collaborative consumption initiatives, and community focused sharing resources, is surging and will have a \$335b footprint by 2025, according to DC-based research group the Brookings Institution.

Expect this behavior to increase, says Paul Levinson, a Fordham University professor of communications and media studies and author of "Realspace: The Fate of Physical Presence in the Digital Age." "Accessing rather than owning products is a sea change that is growing in sync with how informed consumers are in this online age. Information about everything is more available than at any time in history," he says.

The benefits of using LoTs go far beyond their comparatively affordable price, reduction of clutter, and alleviation of our so-called "peak stuff" problem. They also reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing and transporting underused goods.



By Noam Chomsky, Paul Shannon, Charles Derber, Suren Moodliar, Open Democracy

In his new book **Internationalism or Extinction**, Noam Chomsky traces the duality of existential threats from nuclear weapons and climate change. He argues for the urgency of international climate and arms agreements, and shows how global popular movements are mobilizing to force governments to meet this unprecedented challenge to civilization's survival.

Humanist Quotes

A wise man proportions his belief to the evidence.

David Hume

Men are from Earth, women are from Earth. Deal with it.

George Carlin

Our humanist attitude should therefore throughout be to stress what we all have in common with each other and relegate quarrelsome religion to the private domain where it can do less harm.

Hermann Bondi

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CALL TO ACTION: Earth Hour 2020

March 28, 2020 | Worldwide!

Earth Hour allows us to take a symbolic action, returning to a past without electricity for 60 minutes, to contemplate, discuss, and even plan ways to renew our connection to this, our only planet. [Learn more](#)



[March for Science 2020](#)

April 22, 2020 | Worldwide! Join us for a Global Day of Action on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. [Learn more](#)



SAVE THE DATE: May 1-10 -- Secular Week of Action with focus on Climate Change. Visit [HERE for Climate](#) for ideas and look for more details coming soon!

Science notes....

A Universal Cure for What Ails ya?

Using a machine-learning algorithm, researchers have identified a powerful new antibiotic compound, Halicin. In laboratory tests, the drug killed many of the world's most problematic disease-causing bacteria, including some strains that are resistant to all known antibiotics. It also cleared infections in two different mouse models.

Methane emitted by humans vastly underestimated

Researchers measured methane levels in ancient air samples and found that scientists have been vastly underestimating the amount of methane humans are emitting into the atmosphere via fossil fuels. The researchers indicate that reducing fossil fuel use is a key target in curbing climate change.

Sea level rise could reshape the United States, trigger migration inland

A new study uses machine learning to project migration patterns resulting from sea-level rise. Researchers found the impact of rising oceans will ripple across the country, beyond coastal areas at risk of flooding, as affected people move inland. Popular relocation choices will include land-locked cities such as Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Denver and Las Vegas. The model also predicts suburban and rural areas in the Midwest will experience disproportionately large influx of people relative to their smaller local populations.

The use of jargon kills people's interest in science, politics

Even when specialized terms are defined, the damage is done

When scientists and others use their specialized jargon terms while communicating with the general public, the effects are much worse than just making what they're saying hard to understand. In a new study, people exposed to jargon when reading about subjects like self-driving cars and surgical robots later said they were less interested in science than others who read about the same topics, but without the use of specialized terms.

18-hour year planet on edge of destruction

Astronomers from the University of Warwick have observed an exoplanet orbiting a star in just over 18 hours, the shortest orbital period ever observed for a planet of its type.

For more science news, see: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/>



Atheists of Florida Inc.



For our Atheists helping the Homeless project -

For all meetings: bring, if you can, small bars of unused soap, small bottles of shampoo, heavy duty socks, any kind of personal care items, or money (for bulk purchase of these items).

Ed Golly, Chair - Judy Adkins, Exec. Dir.
See **AoF Meetup** for details Website: <http://aof.ngo>

AoF is a comfortable & safe place in which to; find rewarding new friendships, discover hidden potentials, & make a positive contribution to your own humanity as well as that of others. We are pleased to offer legal assistance with church state separation issues as an important focus. For many people, atheism represents the most focused & powerful criticism of the philosophical world-view with which most of us were raised. It is liberating for the same reason it attracts the enmity of those who are committed to the closed & changeless narrative of unexamined traditional beliefs. JP



The broadcast is on hiatus for now. Previous programs are available **on the internet** www.youtube.com/atheistforum . Tune in!

Contact us: info@atheistsoffloridainc.org



**Atheist
COMMUNITY**
of Polk County

The Atheist Community of Polk County, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) Florida non-profit corporation dedicated to protecting the separation of church and state and promoting a positive atheist community.

We are a growing community of atheists, freethinkers, skeptics and humanists organizing in Polk County, Florida to network, socialize, work in the community, provide educational speakers and more. We are making efforts to expand our programming, with emphasis on scheduling events in various places around the county, at different days/times, etc. so more people can find something to enjoy that's convenient.

Mar. Events [Details—click here](#)

meetup

Mar 15, 5 PM Join us for dinner with members of the Humanist Society.
At Applebees
See Page 3 details
Location, etc.

Be sure to check for changes and RSVP!

Mar.
Register for our on-line meet below.

Reasons you should join our **new online real-time meeting**:
Stay tuned for more details. Register at: <https://www.free2think.org/>

Always Vigilant

Public school prayer events are generally billed as being student-organized in order to *appear* constitutional.

But in reality, school staff are often actively involved, even to the extent that they're the ones organizing the event.

To stop this unconstitutional Christian proselytizing, someone needs to expose the adult organizers. That's where we come in!

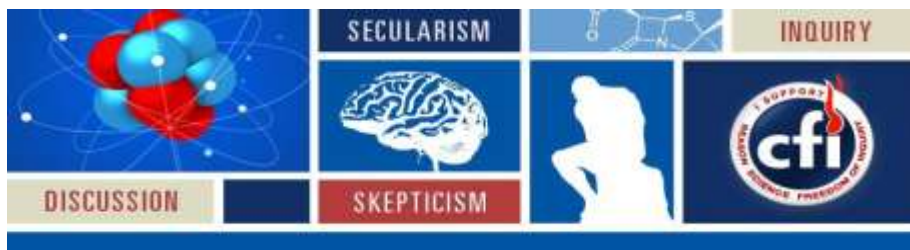
Let us know of any church-state violation you may run across - restrictions, prayers, bible readings, etc. We'll take it from there. Thanks, www.aof.ngo

On Medicare for All

I am currently on Medicare which is why I support Medicare for all. Medicare is far from perfect, and with the changes President Trump is proposing, it's about to get a little worse, but it is still better than what I experienced over the years while employed. If I had suffered from the illnesses I have had since my retirement while I was on my previous insurance, I would probably have no savings now and may have had to declare bankruptcy like so many other people have had to do. I also have access to more doctor's and services than I ever had under any insurance the company I worked for chose.

Insurance companies exist, like any other business, to make a profit. If they don't make a profit they don't stay in business. This gives companies every incentive to deny benefits to people. After all, the more the payout, the less profit they make. While it is prudent to ensure people are not cheating, it is not ethical to deny people treatments needed to maintain or improve their health or sometimes their life.

While my employer paid for part of my insurance, I still had to have money taken from my paycheck to cover my insurance. If we go to Medicare for all, the money will continue to come out of a paycheck and out of the company. But rather than this money going to a business and into the pockets of the investors of that company, it will go to the government and be used to assist our friends and neighbors. I have seen far too many people having to beg for assistance in a time of crisis while insurance company CEO's made an average salary of 18 million dollars annually. I feel it is time for this to change and Medicare for all is the best way to do this. The transition may be difficult, but if in the end, people are treated decently, it will be the right thing to do. **Judy Adkins**



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Only with *your support* can we succeed.

What's coming up in March?

(Click this -> [blue link](#) for details & to RSVP)

1st Saturday April—CFI's Lecture Series

Clearwater—Tampa Bay Tech. Ctr. (TBTC) Monthly Meeting

Brandon—CFI's Thank Goodness for Godless Friday Nights

E. Clearwater—Howard's Skeptic's Corner

Brandon—CFI's Sunday skeptics Brunch

N. Pinellas—CFI's Monthly Dinner

E. Clearwater—CFI's S.H.A.R.E. Book Club

Promoting A 21st Century Understanding Of Science

By John de Lancie ("Q") at CSICON 2020

My interest in promoting the science of evolution dates back to about 10 years ago when Ed Asner and I toured the country with a show about the Scopes "Monkey" Trial. The script was taken from transcripts of the actual trial, as opposed to the dramatized version in "Inherit the Wind." I played Clarence Darrow and Ed played William Jennings Bryan. We performed the play throughout the country – mostly on college campuses. I naively presumed that college audiences would see this as a historical event. I was astonished to discover that sizable portions of the audience were more familiar with the 16th-century notions of 4004BC than current scientific thought. That was an eye-opener for me.

Since then I have worked on a variety of projects to educate people on why evolutionary science matters and why embracing current scientific thinking will not, contrary to some opinions, "send you straight to Hell."

One of my projects is called, God's Goofs. It's a series of animated vignettes offering up 90-second rebuttals to Intelligent Design. The other project is a radio play that brings the 2005 Dover "Panda" Trial to life. That trial put the legal nail in the coffin of so-called Intelligent Design, demonstrating that it was just dressed up creationism.

These two projects are what I am able to contribute to reducing the fear and misunderstanding surrounding the theory of evolution. But everyone has something to offer. There is a need for everyone to marshal their talents in this essential cause. I'm attending this convention with the expectation of joining forces with others in promoting, at the least, a 21st century understanding of science.

Join CFI and find out how we are protecting critical thought and science by visiting: <http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I>

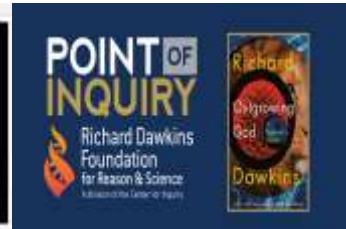
This talk took place at the CSICon 2019 in Las Vegas on October 19, 2019

If people really were guided by reason instead of monkey-mind instinct, we would all subscribe to *Consumer Reports*, *Vote Smart*, *FactCheck*, *Quack Watch*. and progressive secular humanism. Religion would not exist. We would all be skeptics.

Where does the separation of church and state stand with a conservative majority in the Supreme Court?

The short answer: not great.

In this week's episode of *Point of Inquiry*, **Jim Underdown** speaks to CFI board member, lawyer, atheist, and human rights activist, **Eddie Tabash** on how the Founding Fathers viewed religion and law, the religious ties of the newest Supreme Court justices, and where we go from here. <http://bit.ly/2vOvjZ>





The [Center for Inquiry](#) (CFI) leads the charge on promoting science, reason, critical thinking, and humanist values.

CFI's vision is a world in which evidence, science, and compassion—rather than superstition, pseudoscience, or prejudice—guide [public policy](#).

A Brave and Startling Truth: *Astrophysicist Janna Levin Reads Maya Angelou's Stunning Humanist Poem That Flew to Space, Inspired by Carl Sagan's "pale blue dot".*

A Brave and Startling Truth

We, this people, on a small and lonely planet
Traveling through casual space
Past aloof stars, across the way of indifferent suns
To a destination where all signs tell us
It is possible and imperative that we learn
A brave and startling truth

And when we come to it
To the day of peacemaking
When we release our fingers
From fists of hostility
And allow the pure air to cool our palms

When we come to it
When the curtain falls on the minstrel show of hate
And faces sooted with scorn are scrubbed clean
When battlefields and coliseum
No longer rake our unique and particular sons and daughters
Up with the bruised and bloody grass
To lie in identical plots in foreign soil

When the rapacious storming of the churches
The screaming racket in the temples have ceased
When the pennants are waving gaily
When the banners of the world tremble
Stoutly in the good, clean breeze

When we come to it
When we let the rifles fall from our shoulders
And children dress their dolls in flags of truce
When land mines of death have been removed
And the aged can walk into evenings of peace
When religious ritual is not perfumed
By the incense of burning flesh
And childhood dreams are not kicked awake
By nightmares of abuse

When we come to it
Then we will confess that not the Pyramids
With their stones set in mysterious perfection
Nor the Gardens of Babylon
Hanging as eternal beauty
In our collective memory
Not the Grand Canyon
Kindled into delicious color
By Western sunsets

Nor the Danube, flowing its blue soul into Europe
Not the sacred peak of Mount Fuji
Stretching to the Rising Sun
Neither Father Amazon nor Mother Mississippi who, without favor,
Nurture all creatures in the depths and on the shores
These are not the only wonders of the world

When we come to it
We, this people, on this minuscule and kithless globe
Who reach daily for the bomb, the blade and the dagger
Yet who petition in the dark for tokens of peace
We, this people on this mote of matter
In whose mouths abide cankerous words
Which challenge our very existence
Yet out of those same mouths
Come songs of such exquisite sweetness
That the heart falters in its labor
And the body is quieted into awe

We, this people, on this small and drifting planet
Whose hands can strike with such abandon
That in a twinkling, life is sapped from the living
Yet those same hands can touch with such healing, irresistible tenderness
That the haughty neck is happy to bow
And the proud back is glad to bend
Out of such chaos, of such contradiction
We learn that we are neither devils nor divines

When we come to it
We, this people, on this wayward, floating body
Created on this earth, of this earth
Have the power to fashion for this earth
A climate where every man and every woman
Can live freely without sanctimonious piety
Without crippling fear

When we come to it
We must confess that we are the possible
We are the miraculous, the true wonder of this world
That is when, and only when
We come to it.



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TBS's \$1,000 Challenge

Whenever possible, TBS attempts to put claims to the test. Since 1989 we have had a standing [\\$1,000 Challenge](#) available to anyone able to provide TBS with verifiable scientific proof of any paranormal phenomenon. No one has yet succeeded, but we remain open-minded (though highly skeptical) and desirous of subjecting testable paranormal claims to objective scrutiny.

Also Note:

[Gary Posner's website](#) contains additional related material of interest, including many of his published articles not posted here, and a consolidated listing of available articles on "[psychic detective](#)" [Noreen Renier](#).

He has also posted the story of his [metamorphosis from "believer" to "skeptic,"](#) which comprises a chapter in the book *Skeptical Odysseys: Personal Accounts by the World's Leading Paranormal Inquirers* (Prometheus Books, 2001).

Resource Links for Skeptics

1. [Committee for Skeptical Inquiry \(CSI\)](#) -- formerly known as CSICOP
2. [Skeptical Inquirer](#) -- CSI's flagship journal
3. CSI's "[Skeptical Resources](#)" page
4. CSI's [Listings of Skeptical Organizations](#) (including other local groups similar to TBS)
5. [Skeptics Society](#) -- publishers of *Skeptic* magazine
6. [SkepticBlog](#) -- a collaboration among some of the most recognized names in promoting science, critical thinking, and skepticism
7. "[The Skeptic's Dictionary: A Guide for the New Millennium](#)" -- an indispensable resource, by Robert T.

Carroll, Ph.D.

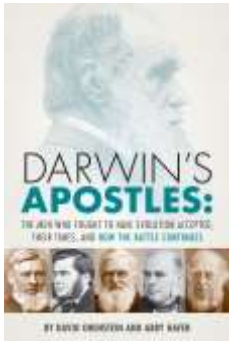
8. [Prometheus Books](#) -- the leading publisher of skeptical works
9. [James Randi Educational Foundation](#)
10. [Bad Astronomy](#) -- website of Phil Plait
11. [Jim Lippard's "Skeptical Information Links"](#)
12. [Robert Sheaffer's website](#) -- expert on UFOs
13. [James Oberg's website](#) -- expert on U.S./Russian space programs and UFOs
14. [Gary Posner's website](#) -- founder of Tampa Bay Skeptics
15. [Skeptics UFO Newsletter \(SUN\)](#) -- Philip J. Klass' cutting-edge publication (1989) was, as its masthead often proclaimed, "shockingly close to the -2003)
16. [National Council Against Health Fraud](#)
17. [Quackwatch](#) -- by Stephen Barrett, M.D.
18. [American Council on Science and Health](#)
19. [National Center for Science Education](#) -- creationism vs. evolution
20. "[Skeptical Quotes](#)" -- on the Citatum website
21. [Saucer Smear](#) -- Although not dependably "skeptical," Jim Moseley's *Saucer Smear* (until his death in 2012 truth" in its reporting/gossip about UFO-related facts(?) and controversies.
22. [UFO Abduction Insurance](#) -- Members of Tampa Bay Skeptics are automatically covered by TBS's \$10-million group policy through the Saint Lawrence Agency, Altamonte Springs, Florida. However, for even greater security, you may wish to consider a policy of your very own!



skeptic (n): a person who searches for truth through questioning and reasoning

Recommended Reading

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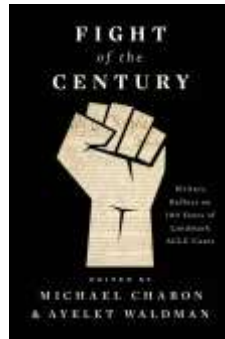


When Darwin finally published *The Origin of Species* in 1859, there was no guarantee that the grand theory of natural selection would become one of the most valuable ideas impacting biology and our modernity. It was so controversial that some disapproving scientists, many in the Church, and powerful others worked to stop it from becoming known and accepted.

This is the story of Darwin, his life, times, and some of the brave scientists who supported and advocated for him at the birth of the scientific revolution.

"At a time when denial of scientific evidence could lead to the end of our species and many others, here is an entertaining and accessible book about the search for the origin of species, including ours. Here, too, is an account of the battles that ensued after Charles Darwin proposed his theory and the brave 'apostles' who explained and defended his ideas in the face of religious attack. As a great-great-grandson of Darwin, I applaud this terrific book and hope that non-scientists and scientists alike will be inspired by it to fight today's battle, the battle for science in the face of mindless greed." Matthew H.D. Chapman

During the first year of Donald Trump's presidency alone, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) took 119 legal actions to protect the rights of American citizens. But if the nonprofit organization has seemed especially vital since 2017, it has a far longer history of defending civic freedoms. In the new book *Fight of the Century*, edited by the writers Ayelet Waldman and Michael Chabon, 40 authors share essays in response to landmark cases from the ACLU's 100-year history. The novelist Yaa Gyasi tackles *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* (1954), a case in which the ACLU acted as amicus curiae, while the writer Lauren Groff reflects on *Roe v. Wade* (1973). "In this time of crisis, it is critically important to highlight the work of one of the country's most devoted and active civil rights organizations," Ayelet told me. Her selection? The 1975 case *O'Connor v. Donaldson* ("because I have a mental illness and am grateful to the ACLU for working so diligently to protect our rights, too," she explained). Chabon, meanwhile, chose the organization's



One of our own cherished members, **Patricia Walters**, describes herself as not just a humanist, but someone who grieves about the world. She finds that turning these insights into art the best way to make life endurable. Whether writing about departed lovers, motherhood, music, or nature, Walters has the eye of someone with a depth of understanding and feeling.

Patricia Walters left home at age 17, well-educated in music and singing. She spent her career in the 1950s and 60s as a jazz singer in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. She earned a Bachelor of Theater Arts from UCLA in 1969. A divorce brought her to Florida, where she obtained a master's degree in psychology in 1979. She spent the next 40 years as a psychotherapist in private practice. During all of this time, she wrote poetry. And here it is.

For the youngest activists among us, a book geared just for them full of facts, stories, and tips on how to change the world, from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Chelsea Clinton.

What can I do to help save endangered animals? How can I eat healthy? Why do I need to cover my mouth when I cough? What do I do if I'm being bullied?

With information on problems both large and small, Chelsea Clinton breaks down the concepts of health, hunger, climate change, endangered species and bullying, so that readers can understand the world around them, and how they can make a difference in their own lives, as well as in their communities and the world at large. With comic drawings to illustrate Clinton's words, photographs of real live kids who are making a difference today, and lists of ways to get involved, this book is the perfect introduction to young activists who want to make the world a better place.



The Matt Cooper

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2. In Gods we Trust Scott Atran
3. Why Evolution is True Jerry Coyne
4. The Second World Panag Khanna
5. Denialism Michael Specter
6. The Selfish Gene Richard Dawkins
7. Democracy Incorporated Sheldon Wolin
8. The Upside Irrationality Dan Ariely
9. The End of Growth Richard Heinberg
10. The God Delusion Richard Dawkins
11. All That We Share Jay Wallgasper
12. Sex, Time, and Power Leonard Shlain
13. Sex at Dawn C. Ryan, & C. Jetha
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19. Non Believer Nation David Niose
20. God on Trial Peter Irons
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24. A brief History of Time Stephen Hawking
25. Breaking the Spell Daniel Dennett
26. The Philosophy of Humanism Corliss Lamont
27. The Quotable Atheist Jack Huberman
28. 50 Reasons People Believe In G.G. Harrison
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32. What Every American Should Know About World Rossi
33. Imagine There's no Heaven Editors of Free Inquiry
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By **Norm R. Allen Jr.**
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On “Complicated” Legacies

The evil that men do lives after them.
 The good is oft interred with their bones.
 – William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*

The aforementioned quotation is not necessarily true. On the contrary, when people blindly embrace their heroines and heroes, the good lives after them and the evil is interred with their bones.

A perfect example of this fact is the death of Zimbabwe’s Robert Mugabe on September 6, 2019, at the age of 95. Mugabe’s admirers remember him as one of Africa’s greatest freedom fighters. He helped win independence for Zimbabwe (then called Rhodesia.) He brought education and health care to the Black masses, greatly reduced hunger in the nation, and so forth. Due to his magnificent efforts, many people regarded Zimbabwe as the breadbasket of Africa and a beacon of hope for the continent.

Because of these kinds of impressive accomplishments, Mugabe’s admirers believe that it is just fine to allow him to rest on his laurels. Unlike R&B singer Janet Jackson, they have always refused to ask of Mugabe, “What have you done for me lately?” They prefer to hide, downplay or rationalize his bad side.

However, this is simply not good history. Mugabe ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years! Due to what George W. Bush called “the soft racism of low expectations,” many people have no problem with this troubling fact. Imagine if a U.S. president or UK prime minister would intimidate his or her people into accepting a 37-year reign. Mugabe, who was educated by Catholic missionaries, said “only God will remove me!” And many of his supporters applauded his megalomaniacal statement.

Mugabe violently repressed his political opponents. According to LGBT leader Peter Tatchell of the UK on BBC television, between 1983-1985, Mugabe’s North Korean-trained soldiers went to Matabeleland and killed “20,000 opposition supporters. That’s the equivalent of a [apartheid South African] Sharpeville massacre every day for nine months.” (Most scholars say the number is closer to 10,000, mostly civilians.) Again, if Whites had led such an onslaught, those supporting Mugabe would be howling.

In 2008, Morgan Tsvangirai ran against Mugabe. Tsvangirai won most of the votes. However, Mugabe’s supporters still managed to force a runoff election. Mugabe’s supporters beat and killed Mugabe’s political opponents, Tsvangirai took refuge in the Dutch embassy and withdrew from the race, and Mugabe received 85% of the vote. And Mugabe’s supporters throughout the world cheered.

When he was still married to his first wife, Sally Hayfron, from Ghana, Mugabe fathered two children with his then-girlfriend and later wife, Grace Marufu. Because this is Africa, this was no big deal. However, just imagine the uproar and impeachment proceedings that would have



resulted had a U.S. president been involved in such a scandal.

Mugabe was “notoriously homophobic.” He was absolutely disgusted by LGBT people and did not want them anywhere near him. He famously said that gays are lower than pigs and dogs. This was an African head of state! If any Western head of state had made such a statement his political career would have been finished. In Africa, however, it’s all good. Indeed, many African leaders have shared Mugabe’s sentiment, if not used his hateful language.

Mugabe was obviously no Nelson Mandela, who, according to Steven Pinker in his book *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, was one of history’s greatest statesmen. This is the kind of leader Africa and the world needs. Yet much of the Black media and influential Black leaders and scholars like Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam and Afrocentrist Molefi Asante embraced Mugabe without reservations and without shame.

Tyrants have always used the red herrings of White supremacy and Western interference to effectively divert attention away from their crimes against humanity. Mugabe and his supporters were masters at this. They implied that as long as Whites held so much power, the poor masses should be fine with the rule of anti-Western despots.

There have been many others in history with admirers anxious to blindly defend them. The White Founders of the U.S. such as Jefferson, Washington, Franklin and others owned slaves and/or supported policies leading to the decimation of Native Americans. Columbus was brutal in his treatment of Native Americans. Black nationalist Marcus Garvey formed a loose alliance with the Ku Klux Klan. Winnie Mandela joined up with murderous hooligans in South Africa. Elijah Muhammad of the Nation of Islam promoted the idea that Whites are a “filthy race of devils,” formed a loose alliance with George Lincoln Rockwell’s American Nazi Party, defended female submission, and so on.

The point is that, rather than blindly embracing people with such baggage, or simply saying their legacies are “complicated,” it is better and more honest to acknowledge that their legacies are mixed. It is understandable that people who have heroines and heroes with mixed legacies have cognitive dissonance when acknowledging the negativity. But the entire truth must be manifest and each person must decide for herself or himself whether the legacies are mostly good, mostly bad, or generally balanced.

Peter Tatchell said Mugabe was a “liberation hero turned tyrant.” That is about as honest and accurate a description as one is likely to find. What the world needs is fewer hagiographies and more honest, unflinching biographies and obituaries.

Norm r. Allen jr. Is the editor of two ground-breaking books,

- ◆ · *African-American Humanism: An Anthology*
- ◆ · *The Black Humanist Experience: An Alternative To Religion.*
- ◆ · he is currently writing a third book, *Secular, Successful And Black: 25 Profiles.*

Humanist Families of Greater Tampa

Jennifer Hancock started this organization several years ago. It uniquely serves Humanist families with a variety of wonderful programs throughout the year. We strongly emphasize creative childrearing. You can connect with other families dealing with the same problems of living in a society that is still hostile to an explicitly humanist way of life.

Jennifer wrote three books: *The Humanist Handbook*, *The Humanist Approach to Happiness*, & *The Bully Vaccine*.

Humanist Families organizes social outings every month. Come and do something fun, socialize, enjoy each other's company. Sometimes we go to a park, a museum, go swimming, & sometimes we leave the kids at home. We organize Tampa & Manatee/Sarasota area outings every month.

Throughout the year we host parties like *Darwin Day* in February, *World Humanist Day* in June, *Freethought Day at Disney* in October, & *Carl Sagan Day* in November. Among our spin off groups is a *Parenting Beyond Belief* group which gets together to discuss the challenges of raising children without religion. Please join us on [Facebook](#).

Thanks, **Jennifer Hancock**

The Military Association of Atheists & Freethinkers (MAAF)

The **MacDill Atheists & Secular Humanists (MASH)** community was created for atheist & secular humanist military personnel stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, their families, & retired military residing in the Tampa Bay area.

MASH provides a valuable & much needed resource in which you will find common ground to socialize, discuss issues, & draw emotional support from like-minded freethinking members.

Local Contact: Chris (ChrisTBrown@yahoo.com)
MSgt, USAF (Retired). On the web at: www.maaf.info

Tampa Bay Thinkers

Be part of the conversation on Monday March 9th at the Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa at 7 PM/

Topic: **What Makes a Good Leader?**
Psychopathic Tendencies? Sociopathy? Ability to Focus?

Learn more [here](#).

We meet monthly to escape shallow, petty talk for a safe harbor to ponder broad, complex yet practical subjects. We expect members to support opinions and use logic in conclusions, but expect all present to keep the meeting FUN for all. We teach, and don't scold. We expect the conversation to move without getting stuck so sometimes, we are forced to "agree to disagree" and move on.

We arrive and parts friends. There are no personal attacks, but each IDEA goes under the microscope. Members agree, others disagree, often with enthusiasm! We have no gates, and no gatekeepers. All are welcome and we tolerate no personal attacks, sarcasm, or even indirect denigration. IDEAS RULE and stand on their own. Finally, we are "thinkers", not "doers". Go forth & take action. Come, join us, participate, learn, exercise your brain, but mostly HAVE FUN.

The Socrates Cafe

A monthly discussion since 2008.

Hosted by **Brent Hardaway**

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/38mveZH>



Join to discuss "**Are Good or Evil wholly Subjective Categories?**"

After-talk at The Independent (5016 N. Florida Avenue).

March 14th at 3 PM in the Seminole Heights Branch

Library, 4711 N Central Ave, **Tampa**, FL, 33603. Be sure to RSVP [HERE](#) for more information

Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay welcomes all who are interested in Jewish history, culture, and tradition independent of supernatural explanations. We believe human beings are responsible for their own choices and making the world a better place through science and reason. Join us for discussions, lectures, cultural events, and holiday celebrations using a Humanistic lens.

Ethical Humanism, also called Ethical Culture, is an evolving body of ideas that inspires Ethical Societies. Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity (*Humanist Manifesto III*). For Ethical Humanists, the ultimate religious questions are not about the existence of gods or an afterlife, but rather, "How can we create meaningfulness in this life?" and "How should we treat each other?"

The American Ethical Union was founded in 1877 by Felix Adler in New York, and currently has over 30 member societies.

Organizer **Bart Worden** hopes to get a local Meetup group started soon.

UU St. Pete Thursday Citizens' Café

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

100 Mirror Lake Dr. N., St. Petersburg
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

UU Humanists of Clearwater

Usually every 3rd Sunday 12:30 to 1:30 pm,
after UU services,
2470 Nursery Rd., Clearwater. 727-531-7704

UU Humanists of Tampa

Public Discussion, 2nd Thursday eve from 7-9 PM.
11400 Morris Bridge Rd. Tampa



Humanists of Sarasota Bay, Inc.
Sarasota, Florida

Next Lecture: Monday, March 2, 2020

Speaker: Tom Boeke, Professor, State College of Florida

Topic: The Future of the Middle East

For more details, information, news and activities,
see: <https://www.husbay.org/index.htm>

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Promoting Action & Unity in the Tampa Bay Area

Join the Freethought Organizations of the Tampa Bay Area: groups that promote serious secular discussion & activity about important issues in our area & beyond.

Substantive & exciting new activities are now offered to the Tampa Bay area that were not possible for most organizations before.

Every year we sponsor events such as Darwin Day in February, Solstice day in December, and other activities all year long.

You may recall that UCoR was the major impetus to getting a large number of billboards erected in Tampa Bay & across the nation with such messages as "You can be good without God. Millions are!"

TBCoR is an alliance of West Central Florida groups identified with the secular / freethought / Humanist / Atheist movement.

As this momentum continues to grow, we will keep you informed of developments . JP

Contact: council@tampabaycor.net

Or see, <http://tampabaycor.net/>

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The St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc.

(SPAC), has been meeting continuously since 1927. It was incorporated in 1979 as a nonprofit, tax deductible organization.

For almost 50 years SPAC has provided free educational programs for its members & the public. Questions? send an email to: spaceaminer@gmail.com.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month (except November & December when it is on the third Friday) at the St. Petersburg College/Gibbs Campus, 6605 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710, at 8:00 P.M. Meetings are open to the public. **Calendar**

M.A.R.S. – Tampa Astronomy Club at MOSI

Come to the **Museum Astronomical Resource Society**, also known as the M.A.R.S. astronomy club. M.A.R.S. is sponsored by the **Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)**, in Tampa, Florida. We are also members of both the **Astronomical League & Night Sky Network**. This site provides club news & astronomical information to our membership & to the public. Whether you are new to astronomy & curious about how to experience it, or a seasoned veteran looking for an active club to spend observation time with. We invite you to attend a meetings as our honored guest.

Monthly meetings are normally held on the 3rd floor of MOSI in the Science Works Theater, & take place on the 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Meetings are free & open to the public.

Details & RSVP: <https://www.meetup.com/MARS-astronomy-club-at-MOSI/>

University of South Florida Humanities Institute



Get all the details of our many activities such as the Book Group, Books & Caffeine, lectures. Poetry, Humanities & Hops. *Always something to involve active minds!*



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Freethinkers@USF is a cosmopolitan collective of USF students promoting critical thinking & pluralism through dialogue & reasonable inquiry. Join the official group and vote on upcoming discussions: Contact: fadibitar@mail.usf.edu

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Both vaccines are approved for adults age 50 and older for the prevention of shingles and related complications, whether they've already had shingles or not. If you have already had the first vaccine, get the second.

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Tampa Bay Coalition of Reason – March, 2020 Calendar

This is produced from preliminary information. Check the individual Web sites to insure the event is being held, when & where We are not liable for changes, errors, or omissions.
Compiled by Rick O'Keefe & Jim Peterson. Your RSVP is requested, & often is required for admittance.
See our Meetup site for more: www.meetup.com/Tampa-Bay-Coalition-of-Reason



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| Various Sundays, 2 PM; & Friday nights | BRANDON–CFI Sunday Freethought Social & Godless Friday Nights | Skeptical interests with critical thinkers. Click to RSVP : http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I |  |
| TBA – various activities | TRI-COUNTY – Atheists of Florida, Inc. | Details & RSVP : http://bit.ly/AOF-Meetup |  |
| TBA – various activities | S TAMPA– Tampa Bay Skeptics, Inc.. | Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I |  |
| 2nd Saturday, 2 PM see Pg. 2 3rd Sunday -Dinner see Pg. 3. | DUNEDIN– Humanist Soc. of the Suncoast | Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/Suncoast-Humanists Now on the 2nd Saturday at 2 PM ! |  |
| 3rd Sunday, 12:30 PM | E. CLEARWATER– UU Clearwater Humanists | Details: http://bit.ly/UUC-Humanists |  |
| TBA – various astronomy activities at MOSI | E. TAMPA– Museum Astronomical Resource Society (MARS) at MOSI | Details & RSVP : http://bit.ly/1Psc2Pi Other events: http://bit.ly/MARS-home |  |
| TBA - numerous events—this semester | E. TAMPA– Humanities Institute at USF | See Web site for full listing of many events & calendar. http://bit.ly/USF-Humanities Locations vary! Page 12. |  |
| 4th Monday, 6 PM | N. PINELLAS AREA– CFI Freethought Supper | RSVP is required. Seating is limited to 25! <i>For CFI & TBS paid members.</i> http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I |  |
| 3rd Saturday, 11 AM | N TAMPA – Tampa Humanist Assoc. | Details & RSVP : No program this month! http://bit.ly/TPA-Humanists |  |
| Various Saturdays | NE CLEARWATER – CFI Readers Book Discussion | Limited to <i>10 paid-up CFI members.</i> RSVP is required. Must have read the book under discussion to attend. http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I |  |
| 3rd Monday, 7 PM | NW HILLSBOROUGH– Tampa Bay Thinkers | Lively discussions. RSVP here: http://bit.ly/2DVtwCd |  |
| 4 th Friday, 8 PM general meeting. Many more events monthly. | ST. PETERSBURG– Astronomy Club | For several dates, locations, & details: http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Home http://bit.ly/StPete-Astronomy-Calendar |  |
| Various Saturdays/Sundays plus various other times/venues | TAMPA BAY REGION– Center for Inquiry Tampa Bay | Details & RSVP http://bit.ly/2ljTe9I |  |
| TBA – various activities | TAMPA BAY REGION– Humanist Families | RSVP here: Family outings & other activities. Details & RSVP : http://bit.ly/1Ps9MaN |  |

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